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To: Office of Security
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Reference is made to previous information furnished to you concerning the captioned group entitled "Anticommunist Legionnaires, Neutrality Matters."

Among other things, the information previously submitted indicated that Gerald Patrick Hemming, the alleged leader of this group, and two other members were planning to make a reconnaissance trip on May 27, 1961, to Cay Aguilla and Cay Sal Bank with Agustin Capo and Orlando Garcia. A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has now advised that the proposed trip of Agustin Capo to Cay Sal Bank, north of Cuba, was never made and that these plans have been abandoned. (X)(u)

On July 5, 1961, Gerald Patrick Hemming advised the Miami, Florida, Office of this Bureau that his organization, Interpen, has 20 members, 11 of whom were at that time at Davie, Florida, practicing survival training. He planned to send these 11 members to Key Largo, Florida, for further training.

Hemming denied recruiting members for his organization for the purpose of training Cuban revolutionists in military techniques, explaining that press publicity attracted many adventurers to Interpen. Hemming claimed contact with various Cuban revolutionary organizations stating that he was previously a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force and stated that he is aware of and has no intention to violate United States neutrality statutes.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Interpen is an organization made up of American volunteers, mercenaries, vagrants and adventurers. Membership has a high turnover inasmuch as members become disillusioned and leave. The group allegedly is interested in adventure and is willing to go to any Latin-American country to engage in any revolution. The leader and his group are reportedly completely irresponsible, are not expected to accomplish any positive action, and are stimulated by publicity given them in Miami. The Department and interested agencies have been advised of all previous information received concerning this organization.

Source mentioned in instant letter is MM 639-S. *(ex/u)*
Information contained in Miami airtel dated 7-10-61.